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1. Prior to 22 September 1953, the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse in Prenzlau was occupied by a rear unit of about 200 soldiers of Unit Kusmin. 25X1
the unit proper numbered 800 to 1,000 troops who wore tank insignia and who were equipped with about 10 JS-122s, 40 JS-2 tanks, 15 T-43 tanks and an undetermined number of 37-mm AA guns.
2. Until 22 September, the barracks installation on the southeast side of Berliner Strasse quartered rear details each of 20 to 60 soldiers of four units. 25X1
 - a. The first unit was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Masina (fnu), who succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Vasenko (fnu), numbered about 1,000 troops who wore artillery, signal and motor transport insignia, and was equipped with 45 and 85 mm AT guns, M-13 rocket launchers and, possibly, several field guns. Vehicles employed by the fatigue detail of Unit Masina in August 1953 included sedan and trucks 25X1
 - b. The second unit was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Pugatsov (fnu), numbered about 250 soldiers who wore artillery insignia and was equipped with 122-mm field howitzers and model ZIS-3 field guns of 76.2-mm. Trucks were parked in front of the unit. 25X1
 - c. The third unit was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Shurablov (fnu), numbered 250 to 300 soldiers who wore epaulets without service insignia and was presumably equipped with mortars.
 - d. The fourth unit was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Radetski (fnu) who succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Chernen (fnu), numbered 600 to 700 troops who wore tank insignia and was equipped with about 38 T-43 tanks. Truck was parked in front of the quarters of the unit. 1 25X1

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3. The ammunition depot on Sternhagener Weg consisted of 5 low, wooden buildings which received roofing felt in August and were guarded by two sentries with red-bordered black epaulets.

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1. Comment. The units in Prenzlau of the 25th Tank Div can be carried at the Templin troop training grounds until 22 September. The present information on the units believed stationed at the two barracks installations only partially agrees with previous observations. The barracks installation northeast of Berliner Strasse quarters the 83d Gds SP Regt of the division under the command of Colonel Kusmin (fnu) who was known [redacted]. The regiment can thus be confirmed until 23 September 1953. With the exception of Lieutenant Colonel Masina (fnu) and Lieutenant Colonel Radetski (fnu), the officers stationed at the barracks installation southeast of Berlin Strasse are known [redacted]. Unit Lieutenant Colonel Radetski most probably is the 175th Tank Regiment, Unit Colonel Shurablov (fnu) the unidentified mortar regiment and Unit Lieutenant Colonel Pugatsov (fnu) probably the unidentified artillery regiment of the division. Although the lastmentioned regiment has hitherto been vaguely believed stationed in Oranienburg and/or Vogelsang, the information contained in the present report scarcely leaves any doubt as to the identity of the regiment. [redacted]

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[redacted] On the basis of the information on the fourth unit of Lieutenant Colonel Masina (fnu) there is the possibility that the unit is the 20th Mz Rifle Regt of the division, with the rocket launchers belonging to the unidentified mortar regiment although not registered as such [redacted]. Rather vague information had indicated that the motorized rifle regiment was located in Oranienburg. [redacted]

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